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Appointment of ad litem judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General has received notification by a letter dated 6 January 2014 from Judge Jean-François Cousin, ad litem judge of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal in Geneva, of his resignation effective 1 April 2014.

2. In the report of the Secretary-General on the administration of justice at the United Nations (A/69/227), it is recommended, for reasons set out in the report, that the terms of the three ad litem judge positions, including those of the sitting ad litem judges, be extended for one year, from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015.

3. The General Assembly will, therefore, during its sixty-ninth session, need to take action to extend the terms of the three ad litem judge positions, including those of the sitting ad litem judges, Alessandra Greceanu and Nkemdilim Amelia Izuako, from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015. The Assembly will also need to conduct an election for the appointment of the third ad litem judge, for the period from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015, on the basis of the recommendations contained in the report of the Internal Justice Council (A/69/205).

4. Accordingly, the Secretary-General has the honour to request, pursuant to rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion in the draft agenda of its sixty-ninth session, under the item entitled "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments", of a sub-item entitled "Appointment of ad litem judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal".

5. Owing to the nature of the sub-item, the Secretary-General also requests that it be considered directly in plenary meeting.

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